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SCOTTISH LETTER.

BYRON'S SCOTTISH BLOOD.

HIS "GAY GORDON" ANCESTRY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

EDINBURGH, April 23rd.

That there was a baleful and consuming fire beneath the thick smoke of scandal that clouded a great part of Byron's career is a matter not only of safe conjecture but of sober fact. Like Burns, whom he resembled in temperament so closely that had their fortunes been reversed each might have repeated the career of the other, he was the victim of constitutional defects and impulses which in Byron's case were intensified by heredity to a degree that, humanly speaking, made moral normality of existence all but impossible. When the facts of his father's life and of his own upbringing are taken in conjunction with the tragic record of the Gordons of Gight one is inevitably reminded of those cases of ancestral doom that form the favorite themes of the Greek dramatists. Consideration of such circumstances does not condone Byron's insane defiance of accepted moral standards. But it explains many if not all of his moral aberrations, and it brings in a timely reminder of the wise pronouncement that moral suffering drew from Robert Burns:

What's done, we partly may compute,
But know not what's resistible.

In view of the record of his Scottish ancestors, also we may conclude that the great intellectual gifts that gave a picturesque salience to Byron's passions were at the same time effective in diverting them to a large extent into regions of pure imagination, and in making them the inspirations of his fame and his achievement, and not the instruments of his complete destruction.

Everybody knows that Byron's mother, the third daughter of her line, was one of the Gordons of Gight, Aberdeenshire, but few people—Mrs. Byron herself was peculiarly ignorant of the facts—know exactly what a terrible race these Gordons were. In the course of three centuries scarcely one of the lairds died decently in his bed. Rarely indeed has there been such a record of violent conduct, and violent deaths, resulting in the disappearance of the main male line in favour of women on two occasions. The family tree, in fact, supplies a chronicle which helps us to understand why Byron was what he was.

It is of interest to note that in his youth the poet spoke with a decided Aberdeenshire accent. He was at pains in late years to assume the politest English, but till the end his tongue was influenced by the habitual phonetic conditions of his "cull country." I once heard from a man who knew Trelawny, the friend of Shelley and Byron, that when Byron lost his temper and when he awoke in the morning he often fell back on the accent of his early days. It was Trelawny who recorded Byron's partiality for a Gordon tartan jacket.

"STUPID AS JOB-GRABBER."

I notice that in his paper, "Bart's Broadsheet," Mr. Bart Kennedy, patriotic Irish-Englishman, is grieved about the way "England, our English," is being ruled today. "The gentleman who is now at the helm of State," he writes, "is a handsome Scot with wavy poetic hair." Nothing wrong with that statement, of course, but Bart adds: "The spiritual home of this legislator was—and is—in the land where the sauerkraut blossoms as the rose." But adds gracefully: "We are getting a bit fed up with the Scots brand of legislator. He is running England. And running it very badly." Bart says "We like him well, but if I may put it so, we would like him more well if we saw the back of him. As a job-grabber the Scot is superb."

MARRIAGE.

At the U.F. Parish Church, Rothsay, on April 17th, William Allan McLeod Lennox, youngest son of the late Mr. John Lennox, C.N. Co., Hongkong, to Elizabeth Cook (Bessie), third daughter of Mr. W. C. Millar, cattle dealer, and of Mrs. Millar, Cruden House, Rothsay.

SCOTS SOLDIER'S DRESS.

I was reading the other day, about the changes in our Scottish soldier's raiment which the Government have authorised. These will tend to restore to the national dress some part of the aesthetic values of which it was deprived owing to the war. But the occasion of these changes might have been utilised as an opportunity for re-examining this matter because the Scottish soldier's uniform really does not require overhauling from head to foot. At present it is but a travesty, I fear, of the original. (Such is the opinion of that ultra-Scot, the Hon. R. Erskine of Marr.) It looks, as if the Army tailors were persuaded that, in sartorial matters, the Augustan age of Scotland is the age of Walter Scott; at all events, it is that epoch that we must refer their gait-hair sporrans and their Glenlivet "caps." Surely the proper headgear for the Scottish soldier no matter whether his regiment be Highland or Lowland—is the good old Scottish bonnet—the small, flat, dark-blue bonnet which was generally worn in Scotland previous to the inception of hat and cap. The Glenlivet bonnet, on the other hand, is comparatively modern. The gaiters for a purse is sporran, and it should therefore be a purse, not the gait-hair war office contraption, but a leather sporran, with a brass top. Spats, which a Gael friend of mine styles "leg-cuffs," should be abolished, as being unsightly to the eye, useless, and utterly opposed to the genius of the national dress. In consideration of the cost of effecting the change, the question of substituting for

the modern shoulder plaid the old belted one—which is to be preferred on the score of antiquity and picturesqueness—must stand over in the meantime, as must also the questions of providing tartan plaids, whether belted or shoulder, in place of great-coats, and restoring to the kilted regiments the old tartan doublet in which they were formerly clothed.

MARIE CORELLI AND SCOTLAND.

It is fairly certain that the popularity of Marie Corelli did not suffer from the romantic mystery that hung about her origin. According to herself, she was of mingled Italian and Scottish (Highland) parentage and connections. She was adopted in infancy by Dr. Charles Mackay, the well-known writer of "There's a Good Time Coming," "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," and other popular songs. Dr. Mackay filled several important journalistic positions, and was New York correspondent of *The Times* during the American Civil War. Shortly after the close of that campaign he settled down at Oban, where, and afterwards in London, he devoted much time to the education of his adopted daughter. At that time one of the attractions of Oban was William Black, the novelist. Marie was then regarded as a coming musician. Professor Blackie called Dr. Charles Mackay one afternoon and heard his adopted daughter giving operatic selections on the piano. He tossed his head and exclaimed, "Why don't you play the grand old Scottish melodies!" and then began to hum some of his favourites. Dr. Charles Mackay was not in a "Cheer, Boys, Cheer" frame of mind. He doctored on Marie, for whom he predicted a brilliant future, and expected his visitors to worship at her shrine. Turning to the Professor he said icily, "Very well, Professor Blackie; you shall come here and give Marie music lessons, and in return she'll teach you how to write poetry." Blackie tilted his chin, stared coldly at Charles Mackay, and then stalked away. He never entered the house again or spoke to Mackay or Marie Corelli.

DEMOCRATIC TENNIS.

No longer can it be complained that lawn tennis is a game for an exclusive few. As the number and variety of its players ever widens some of its rigid politeness are less observed, and a breezy unconventional marks the manner in which some of its followers now address one another. Which brings us to the story. At one of the Glasgow Corporation Courts the other evening a young lady, obviously consumed with impatience, "raced up and down. Again and again she glanced at a wrist watch, and at times banged her racket vehemently on the ground. At long last another young lady, armed with a racket made a hurried and breathless appearance. But before she could make any apology she was greeted by a voice, in which honest indignation was the predominant note as follows:—"Ma Goad, Bella, whit the—has kep' you!"

WHY LAUDER WAS TURNED DOWN.

An Aberdeen temperance reformer has been recalling how Sir Harry Lauder, who is a strict abstemious, was "turned down" by the "T.T." folks of the Granite City some 25 years ago. The budding comedian was one of the artists at the Temperance Society's New Year Festival, and the organizer was anxious to "book" him for the following year. But the council vetoed that proposal. Sir Harry had committed the blunder of singing "There's Something in the Bottle for the Mornin'" at a temperance festival!

A DIG AT DAVIE.

It has been suggested in the House of Commons that an operation should be performed on Mr. David Kirkwood for the purpose of removing his "r's," but that would be too dangerous, it is now agreed, as it would have to go too deep.

PERSONALIA.

The majority of Scotland's boxing nobles, the Marquis of Clydesdale, is being celebrated with the usual gifts and festivities. His left eye is discoloured and there are lumps on his cheek; thick, he explains, are "gifts from the ring." The Marquis, by the way, is to be one of the suite in attendance on Mr. James Brown, the Lord High Commissioner at the forthcoming meetings of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

There is no doubt that in the House of Commons Mr. Snowden's assistant, Mr. William Graham, one of the members for Edinburgh, is regarded as being a greater Parliamentary success than his chief. Indeed, he has probably made a more favourable impression on the House than any of the other junior Ministers. Efficient to a degree, always fully primed with every detail of every matter with which he has to deal, Mr. Graham has a pleasing and conciliatory manner, and is very popular with members in all quarters of the House. Unlike some of his colleagues, he never rushes to have the faculty of carrying opinion largely with him.

Mr. Welsh, the Labour M.P., looks much more the poet than the miner, though it is only four years since he ceased to go underground. He is described by a London gossip as having dreamy eyes and thick curly hair. When a visitor went to the House of Commons to see him the other day, he sought assistance in identifying him. "Oh," said the functionary, "you'll easily spot him! He looks as if he had forgotten to brush his hair."

Mr. E. H. Liddell, of Edinburgh University, the famous sprinter and Rugby footballer, whose family is well known in the Far East, is to take part in a series of evangelistic meetings to be held in Glasgow in September. At present he is on a visit to the United States with the Cambridge University team of track athletes.

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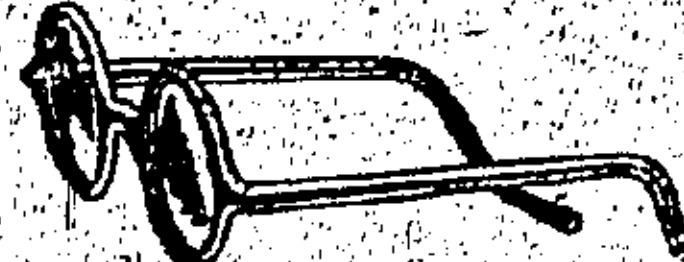
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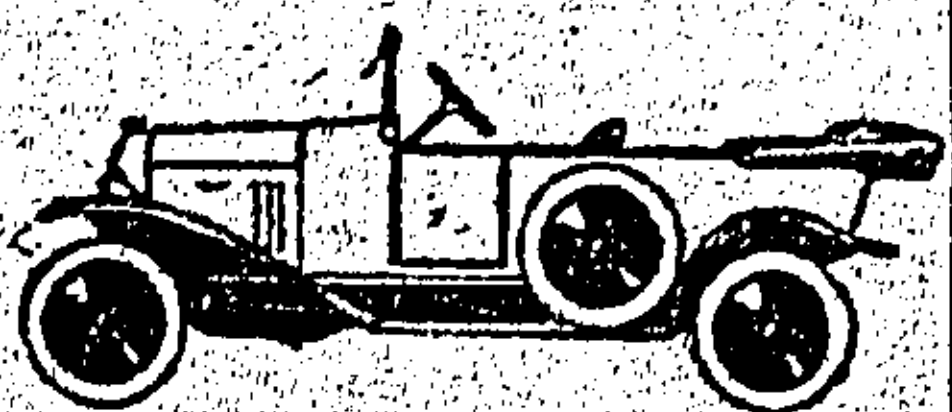
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THE PROTECTION OF BUILDINGS FROM WHITE ANTS.

[By L. E. WALKER.]

"White ants" are to be found in all the warm regions of the earth, and their destructive attacks upon the vulnerable parts of buildings impose continual expense in repairs and watchfulness to ward off threatened depredations.

The name of "white ant" which this destructive insect popularly bears, is rather misleading, because "termites," to give them their proper name, are in no way related to the true ant. The true ant is distinguished by the shape of the body, the abdomen being connected to the thorax by a very thin and mobile joint. This feature is entirely absent in "termites" or "white ants."

The habits of "termites" are very interesting, and, like the honey bees, they form highly organized communities. Each colony consists of workers, soldiers, flying termites, and a queen and king. It is believed that the young at hatching are all alike, and that their conversion into workers, soldiers, etc., is probably influenced by the kind of food supplied to them.

The principal food of "termites" is cellulose, and all articles such as paper, wood, linen, etc., which are nearly pure cellulose, are very liable to be attacked.

Although it is by their attacks on timber and similar materials that the damage wrought by "termites" is chiefly apparent, they have been known to attack lime mortar and lime concrete, which they penetrate by dissolving the lime with acidulous solutions. The "soldier" "termite" of some varieties possesses a gland in the forehead which secretes a milky acidulous fluid; its excreta and saliva are also acidulous, while those of the "workers" are alkaline.

In a very interesting paper read before the Engineering Association of Ceylon, and from which I have quoted, the author, Mr. Austin Woodson, F.R.I.B.A., states that there are frequent instances in Ceylon where "termites" have penetrated lime concrete and lime mortar; they have been known to travel up between the plastering and the wall and to make their appearance through the plastering near the ceiling. This power of dissolving lime accounts for the ants boring through a solid lime concrete floor without visible cracks, crevices, or pores. There is no record of the "termites" damaging Portland cement. This clearly indicates that, if funds permit, the use of lime in all work up to ground floor level should be avoided, and Portland cement substituted.

One of the favourite haunts and breeding grounds of white ants seems to be underneath concrete floors, the assumption being that the moist condition of the earth in such situations suits the habits of the insects.

Where it is proved that access of white ants to a building is being gained from nests in the ground, the effects of such an attack can be cured by severing their connection with the ground. Mr. Woodson cites the case of a new bungalow built in Ceylon which was attacked by "termites"; these obtained access to the upper floor of a bedroom and destroyed shoes and clothing. They gained entry into the house by cutting their way up the centre of a new post of the stairs, the bottom of which had, unwisely, been taken into the concrete floor. An inch of this post was cut off and the end mounted on a block of Portland cement concrete. Thus the ants' access to earth was cut off, and no other remedy was applied. Although the ants were undoubtedly left in the upper flooring, they presumably died, for no further damage occurred.

For further information on this subject the reader who is interested could not do better than obtain a copy of the "Transactions of the Engineering Association of Ceylon," printed and published by H. Ross Cottle, Government printer, Ceylon, which is a reprint of the paper read by Mr. Austin Woodson, F.R.I.B.A. (to which I have already referred), and entitled "Termites," or "White Ants, and Their Attacks on Buildings." The information given in this publication is of an essentially practical character, and is the result of the author's many years of experience as a Government Architect, in dealing with buildings subject to the attacks of these insects. Since it is estimated that two-thirds of the island of Ceylon is undermined by "termites," it will be gathered that this experience is of a very extensive nature.

The author formulates what he terms the "ten termite rules," which are as follows:

1. Clear the site of all decayed wood, dig up adjacent nests, and destroy the queens. Avoid the use of fresh animal manure.
 2. Use cement instead of lime in concrete ground floors, and also in all foundation work up to ground level if funds permit.
 3. Lay concrete floors on hard, clean filling previously sprayed with preservative.
 4. Construct a thick, impermeable, jointless cement damp-proof barrier in all walls and carefully join this barrier up to the cement concrete floor.
 5. Lay concrete floors with few expansion joints to ensure freedom from cracks, but afterwards carefully cement up these joints.
 6. Do not use wood skirtings on ground floor or closed electric wire casings.
 7. Do not place timbers directly in contact with the ground.
 8. Do not allow timbers to rest on or penetrate the concrete ground floor.
 9. Use only seasoned timbers and those regulated to be resistant to attack.
 10. Expose timbers to the light and air and avoid dark and damp enclosed spaces.
- It will be seen that the prevention of dampness, which is so essential to the life of the white ant, is of prime importance, and to attain this end the author recommends the use of "Pudlo" brand waterproof with the Portland cement, as this has repeatedly been proved of the greatest service in Colombo in making concrete waterproof and damp-proof. The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder.

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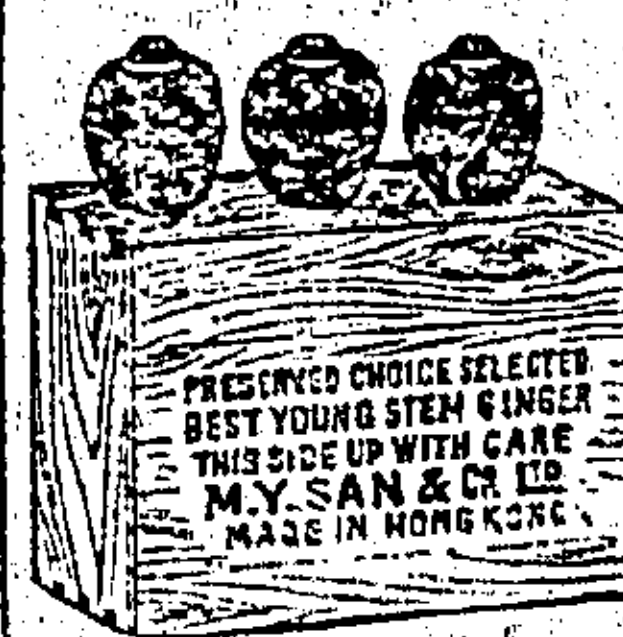
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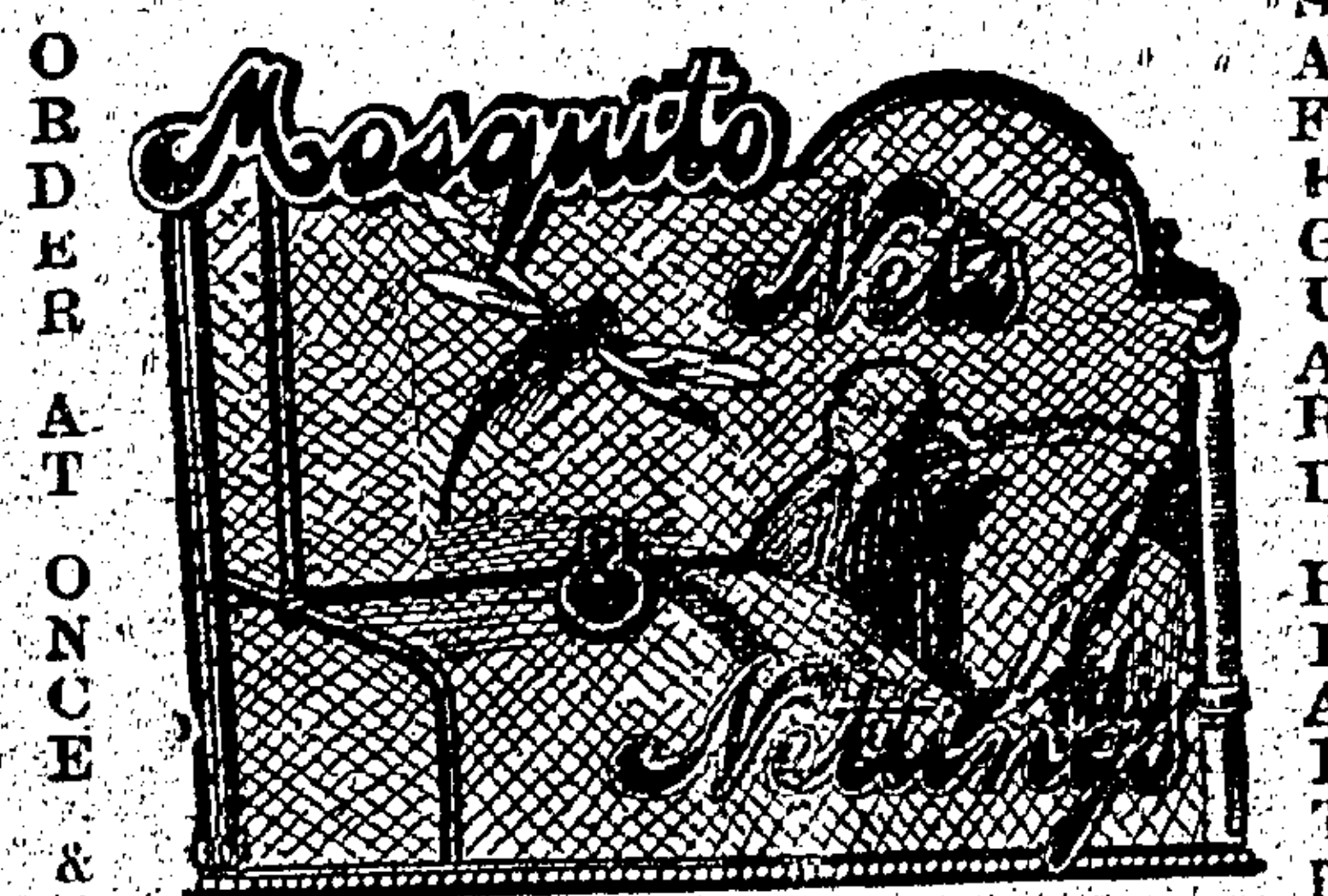
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There were four outstanding features at Saturday afternoon's racing at Happy Valley. The first was the popular win of Gaudie (H.E. the Governor's pony) in the first race of the meeting. Unfortunately, His Excellency was indisposed and, therefore, was unable to attend the meeting, as he had hoped to do. The successful jockeyship of Mr. Doyle, who steered four ponies to victory, and also had a second place, may be set down as the second feature. His successful ponies were Gaudie, Spotted Sand, Mountain Hawk, King Canute (all wins) and Benz a second place, the first place being lost by a neck. The third feature of the meeting was the good dividends paid by Mr. A. A. Alves' ponies. Mr. Alves started three ponies for three different races. All three got placed though they were not heavily backed. Musketeer paid \$31.30 for a win and \$12.30 for a place; Jadestone paid \$12.30 for a place; and Starland paid \$33.50 for a third place. Followers of Mr. Alves' ponies must be feeling quite pleased with themselves. But with Mr. H. Birkett rests the honour of the best "divvy" of the meeting, Rialto Star coming in first in the seventh event and paying \$100.70 for a win. Mr. Dynasty's stable was the most successful at the meeting for he scored three wins, a second and a third—which makes the fourth feature to be enumerated.

Owing to the fact that something like 12 inches of rain had fallen during the week, the track conditions were unfavourable, but both ponies and riders revelled in the mud and excellent sport was provided. As, throughout the morning, rain had been falling, the meeting was not so well patronised as usual, but the few who were kind and the afternoon was bright and sunny.

During the afternoon the band of the East Surrey Regiment discoursed a delightful programme of music.

The following is a brief description of the various races:

Nine ponies faced the starter for the first event. Belle Isle had the advantage from a good start and led the field into the home straight with King Alfred and H.E. the Governor's Gaudie closing up. Gaudie ran into first place and won the race. Jungle Cock and Haruna came through in the home straight. The former ran into second place and was gaining rapidly on Gaudie when that pony passed the winning post, a length ahead. Haruna finished third. Belle Isle fourth and King Alfred fifth. Lady Severn led in the winner.

The second event provided a good race in which What-to-Do set the pace and led the field round to the village bend. Golden Jubilee was out of it and was running last from the Rock in. In the straight for home Pet Mouse went to the front, only to be challenged at the furlong post by Musketeer who won by half a length. Pet Mouse finished second and What-to-Do third. King Pippin, favourite, came in fourth.

A splendid finish was provided in the third race, Benz and Magnificent Dahlia fighting it out past the winning post, the latter getting in first by a neck after Benz had led all the way round. Passing the Rock, Rialto Star, lying well back, came up to third place and looked a likely winner but failed in the home straight. King Charlie, running second most of the way, came in third. Mr. Harriman, on Nataran II, after running a bad last came up well in the home straight and finished fourth.

The race for the Aggregate Stakes was well contested by five ponies, all finishing within close distances of each other. Getting away to a good start Spotted Sand went to the front, followed by Valiant Dahlia, Rothsay, Hartfield and Fern Leaf. At the furlong post and Valiant Dahlia went into first place and passed the Rock, with the exception of Fern Leaf, well back, all the ponies were close up, with Hartfield coming up strongly. In the home straight Fern Leaf came up with the field. Spotted Sand, whipped, ran into first place, and won; Valiant Dahlia being second and Fern Leaf third.

The fifth was another excellent race. It was won by Mr. Topsy's Mountain Hawk. The pony was offered for sale by auction immediately after the race, and was purchased by Mr. E. Birkett for \$300. The second, third and fourth ponies in had a great tussle for the second place. They were Jadestone, Arbor Day and Bandicoot and they went past the winning post practically level. Jadestone, just getting his nose past first of these three finished a short head in front of Arbor Day who was a similar distance in front of Bandicoot. Pet Mouse failed miserably at the furlong post after running second all the way up the straight.

King Alfred won the "B" Class Empire Handicap by a length from Wattheau. After Parnshop had been leading right round to the village bend, King Alfred went to the front and won easily. Wattheau, well ridden, came through in the home straight and was a good second a length and a half in front of Langsat.

In the seventh race, Rialto Star, after leading the field round, came in first and won from Fern Leaf by a length. Starland finished third two lengths behind. The ponies, Grey Dragon, Full House and Magnificent Dahlia, were unplaced. With these favourites out some excellent dividends were paid to backers of the winning pony and of the third pony in Rialto Star paid \$100.70 for a win and Starland \$33.50 for third place.

The match between King Canute and Loch Rannoch was interesting. The ponies kept together to the Rock but King Canute, on the rails, always had the advantage. At the Rock, Loch Rannoch made his effort and went to the front a brief distance, but the village bend King Canute regained his former position, gradually increased his lead, and finally won in a canter by six lengths.

1.—COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP: "B" CLASS: SIX FURLONGS.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

H.E. Sir Edward Stubbs' Gaudie, 154 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Jangle, 147 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Haruna, 152 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 3

Lady Severn's Duka, 152 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 4

Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Avicmore), 153 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 5

Mr. Dynasty's King Alfred, 150 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 6

Capt. G. E. Oxspring's Belle Isle, 150 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 7

Mr. Goodie's The Work, 149 lbs. (Capt. Hall) 8

Mr. Aripac's Bluebottle (late Water Lily), 147 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 9

Time: 1min. 38.2-5secs.

Won by a length; four lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$9.50 Ticket No. 265, \$1,740.00

1. 6.50 415, \$1,740.00

2. 6.50 415, \$1,740.00

3. 25.00 202, 168.00

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 313, 244, 443, 122, 153, 228.

2.—COLONIAL STAKES: FIVE FURLONGS.

For griffins of this season and subscription of this season—non-winners—that have started in at least one race in Hongkong since 1st January, 1924.

1st prize, \$300; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. A. A. Alves' Musketeer, 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1

Mr. Dynasty's Pet Mouse, 145 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 2

Mr. McKeth's What-to-Do, 145 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 3

Mr. Dynasty's King Pippin, 155 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 4

Mr. Johnathan's Peter Pan, 150 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 5

Mr. Roda's Golden Jubilee, 152 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 6

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Goom Rock, 149 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 7

Mr. Royson's Uncle George (late Olive Leaf), 147 lbs. (Mr. Potts) 8

Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Cotton-grass, 143 lbs. (Capt. Hall) 9

Time: 1min. 22.1-5secs.

Won by half a length; two lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$31.30 Ticket No. 265, \$1,453.20

1. 12.20 427, 415.20

2. 15.70 427, 415.20

3. 8.40 203, 207.00

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 315, 607, 377, 126, 474, 40.

3.—COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP: "A" CLASS: SIX FURLONGS.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Sir Paul's Magnificent Dahlia, 150 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 1

Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen's Benz, 157 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2

Mr. Dynasty's King Charlie, 149 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Haruna, 152 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 4

162 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 5

Mr. H. Birkett's Rialto Star, 149 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 6

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Koh-I-Noor, 140 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 7

Mr. Nemexee's Nataran II, 147 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 8

Time: 1min. 37.2-5secs.

Won by a neck; three lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$13.10 Ticket No. 190, \$1,707.50

1. 7.00 190, \$1,707.50

2. 6.50 160, 205.00

3. 20.20 430, 252.50

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 24, 537, 378, 422.

4.—THE AGGREGATE STAKES.

Value \$300. Distance: One Mile. For all China ponies.

A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Aggregate Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes at the extra meetings during the season, counting 4 points for a first, 3 for a second, and 1 for a third. 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. Dynasty's Spotted Sand, 153 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1

Sir Paul's Valiant Dahlia, 151 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 2

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Fern Leaf (late Silvaplana), 154 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 3

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Rothsay (late Ramsbury), 156 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 4

Messrs. Birkett and Mackie's Hartfield, 146 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 5

Time: 2mins. 14.1-5secs.

Won by three lengths; a length between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$13.10 Ticket No. 296, \$1,836.00

1. 8.60 296, \$1,836.00

2. 13.60 145, 1,096.00

3. 24.3 243, 548.00

Unplaced ponies \$30 each: Nos. 328, 310.

5.—HONGKONG SELLING PLATE: ONE MILE.

For China ponies. Winner to be sold for \$400. 1st prize, \$400; 2nd prize, \$150; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. Topsy's Mountain Hawk, 152 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1

Mr. A. A. Alves' Jadestone, 140 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Arbor Day, 150 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Goom Rock, 153 lbs. (Mr. Cobbold) 4

Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Avicmore), 153 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 5

Mr. Goodie's The Work, 140 lbs. (Capt. Hall) 6

Mr. Dynasty's Pet Mouse, 137 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 7

Time: 2mins. 19.4-5secs.

Won by two lengths; a short head between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$11.10 Ticket No. 264, \$1,950.00

1. 6.40 264, \$1,950.00

2. 12.30 62, 500.00

3. 16.60 60, 230.00

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 294, 290, 119, 127.

6.—EMPIRE HANDICAP: "B" CLASS: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$450; 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. Dynasty's King Alfred, 148 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 1

Messrs. Hosie and Cook's Wattheau, 144 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 2

Lady Severn's Langsat, 149 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Parnshop, 153 lbs. (Mr. Cobbold) 4

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Silver Leaf, 150 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 5

Mr. Roda's Golden Jubilee, 148 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 6

Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Cotton-grass, 144 lbs. (Capt. Hall) 7

Mr. McKeth's What to do, 141 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 8

Time: 2mins. 58.4-5secs.

Won by a length; one and a half lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$15.50 Ticket No. 264, \$1,950.00

1. 7.50 264, \$1,950.00

2. 8.10 410, 463.50

3. 6.40 73, 231.00

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 426, 350, 10, 42, 27.

7.—EMPIRE HANDICAP: "A" CLASS: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

For China ponies. 1st prize, \$450; 2nd prize, \$200; 3rd prize, \$100.

Mr. H. Birkett's Rialto Star, 145 lbs. (Mr. Matcham) 1

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Fern Leaf (late Silvaplana), 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 2

Mr. A. A. Alves' Starland, 147 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 3

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Grey Dragon, 155 lbs. (Mr. Seeth) 4

Messrs. Ellis and Odell's Full House, 152 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 5

Sir Paul's Magnificent Dahlia, 147 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 6

Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Satisfaction, 146 lbs. (Capt. Hall) 7

Mr. H. P. White's Yellow River, 147 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 8

Mr. Bill's Exchange Bill (late Marygold, late Carrington), 141 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 9

Time: 2mins. 50.3-5secs.

Won by a length; two lengths between second and third.

Pari-mutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$109.70 Ticket No. 452, \$1,780.80

1. 10.20 452, \$1,780.80

2. 9.20 423, 508.80

3. 05.60 440, 254.48

Unplaced ponies \$20 each: Nos. 141, 227, 421, 326, 08, 202.

8.—A MATCH: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

Mr. Dynasty's King Canute, 152 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1

EMPIRE DAY.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED IN HONGKONG.

All the men-of-war in the harbour and British vessels generally observed Empire Day (May 24th) by "dressing ship". The usual services were held in the Anglican and the Catholic Cathedrals and were largely attended by school children. At each service an address suitable to the occasion was delivered. At St. Joseph's College prizes were awarded for essays on Empire Day.

At 11 a.m. Capt. Neville (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), by His Excellency's request, laid a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Rev. Norman A. Peel, Assistant Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen, delivered a striking address at the service held at St. John's Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Powell, assisted by the Rev. H. du T. Pycroft, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle. The Hon. Colonial Secretary (Sir Claude Severn) and the Director of Education (Mr. G. N. O'Connell) were amongst the large congregation present. Nearly all the schools were represented, including representatives from the following schools accompanied by pupils:—St. Paul's College (Mr. E. G. Stewart in charge), the Ying Wah School (Mr. L. G. Phillips and Mr. P. T. Lewis), Central British School (Mr. Nightingale and the Rev. Mr. Richards), St. Stephen's College (Rev. W. H. Hewett, boys, Miss Taylor, girls), Queen's College (the Rev. N. Evans), the Diocesan Boys' School (the Rev. Dr. P. Pyne and Mrs. Thomas) and the District Schools, Wandchak, Saiyung, Ebb, Kadorie, and Yauwai. The scouts and cubs were present under District Scoutmaster A. White and Cubmaster Foulds and Fenton. The District Commissioner, Mr. C. Champkin, was also present.

The Rev. Mr. Peel took as his text "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, Fear God, honour the people" and addressed to all loyal subjects of the King to endeavour to remain true to the great principles which they had and make use of them for the furtherance of God's Kingdom throughout the world. They could take courage from the lives of the great pioneers who led by the lure of adventure had discovered and built up the Colonies and Dominions of the British Empire.

In conclusion the preacher quoted the following:—"Go from the East to the West as the Sun and Stars direct Thee, go with the girdle of man, go and encompass the earth not for the gain of the gold, for the getting for the hoarding the having; but for the joy of the deed, but for the duty to do. Go with the spiritual life, the higher volition and action, with the great girdle of God, go and encompass the earth."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

There was also a large congregation at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the following schools being represented:—Cathedral School, Garrison School, St. Joseph's English College, St. Lewis Industrial School, Wah Yee Anglo-Chinese School, Sacred Heart (Shui Shing) English School, Kai Iy Chinese School (in abeyance), Shaokwan Chinese School, St. Paul's Anglo-French School, Italian Convent English and Chinese School, St. Francis' English School (Wanchai), Holy Infancy Chinese School, St. Mary's School (Kowloon), Hung Hoi Chinese School and Aberdeen Chinese School.

Addressing the congregation the Rev. Father R. S. Brookes, D.D., said:—"It is a source of gratification to see so many youths, meeting here in the temple of God, to represent the Catholic schools of Hongkong in this Commemoration. We miss the venerable figure of our late, beloved Bishop, who used to address you on the meaning of 'Empire Day'. You are the hope of the next generation, and we look at you as an army who gather around the altar to receive guidance and strength before setting out for the struggle of life. You are students, the class of men who will be the leaders of Society, who will become 'the salt of the earth', as you receive here a heavenly gift which enables you to season the world; the wisdom of the Gospel, you must look upon this rally in the light of your Faith, and consider this Commemoration of 'Empire Day' not as an act of political profession but as an act of religion, enjoined by the 14th commandment of God's Law. Above all nationally, being united in the common Creed of the Catholic Church, we are ready and willing to join in the fulfilment of this duty; and we pray now for our civil authorities, and for the supreme authority, the King, borrowing the words from the Psalmist: 'Domine, saluam fac regem'. God save the King! The fourth Commandment of God teaches us obedience to our lawful superiors in the domestic as well as in the social order."

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

There was an early parade on Empire Day of pupils and Scouts of St. Joseph's College when the following prizes were distributed for essays on Empire Day:—

- Class I.—First prize, John Braga.
- Second prize, Bertio Victor.
- Class II.—First prize, Alberto Remedios.
- Class III.—First prize, Mathias.
- Class IV.—First prize, Chow Yee-cheung.
- Class V.—First prize, Augustine Medina.
- Class VI.—First prize, Fung Yuen-cheung.

SPORTING FIXTURES.

Unfortunately, the uncertainty of the weather rather marred the sporting fixtures. The day had been marked for several interesting events. The lawn bowls season was to have been officially opened by the commencement of the season's matches. These were all postponed owing to the sudden nature of the weather. The Jockey Club had regard to the fact that May 24th was Empire Day when they selected this date for the Third Extra.

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INTERPORT SHOOTING.

HONGKONG DO WELL.

Hongkong made a really brilliant effort yesterday to hold the interport shield for rifle shooting; in fact their chances of doing so are quite good and the score put up by the local marksmen will certainly be a record. Out of a possible of 1,000 points over 900, 500 and 600 yards range, they put up a score of 951, which represents an average of 95.1 per man. This score is only 5 points below that of last year, and better than anything accomplished by the other competing ports last year. Should Hongkong be successful again, they will have won the shield two years in succession. This trophy, by the way, is a magnificent one and is deposited at Government House.

So far there is very little news from the other competing ports. Singapore, Shanghai and Penang, as to how they have been progressing with their practice shoots. Singapore, we know, as already shot off and their score was 885. Of Penang there is no news to hand excepting that they are finding difficulty in getting together a good team. Shanghai, who came second last year, has still to shoot, and they will be no doubt be Hongkong's most dangerous opponents.

OUR AMERICAN COMPETITOR.

Yesterday's shooting match was held on the Taikoo Range under practically ideal conditions, though the breeze was just a little tricky over the long distance. The best individual score was made by Mr. D. Bone, who returned a card of 100 out of a possible 105. At 500 yards he made the bullseye. The best score last year was put up by Mr. C. Summers, of Taikoo (102). He also had a possible on that occasion at 500 yards. But perhaps the outstanding feature of yesterday's interport shoot was the really splendid performance of Captain W. A. Lee of the United States Marines. Captain Lee has been in and out of port on board the U.S. destroyer, "B. Perata", for some time past, and he was therefore eligible to shoot. On Saturday, hearing that there was to be something in the nature of a "big shoot" on the following day, he paid a visit to the Taikoo Rifle Club, where he was cordially received. He soon showed himself to be a marksman far above the average, and in a very short time adapted himself to the British Service short rifle, a point which in itself is creditable, seeing that the American forces use the Springfield pattern rifle. As the result of a very promising card returned by him at Saturday afternoon's practice match he was asked to shoot with the interport team yesterday. He was delighted to do so and he had the distinction of returning the second best score card of the day (98).

RETURNS.

The following are the scores:—				
	300	500	600	Total
	yds.	yds.	yds.	yds.
Bone (Taikoo).....	32	35	33	100
W. A. Lee, (U.S. Marine).....	33	33	32	98
F. Goodman (Defence Corps).....	31	33	31	95
Summers (Taikoo).....	32	33	31	96
Swan (Taikoo).....	33	33	30	96
Lytle (Taikoo).....	34	30	31	95
R. Goodman (Defence Corps).....	29	34	31	94
Reid (Defence Corps).....	32	32	30	94
Wallace (Taikoo).....	31	32	30	93
Lyons (Defence Corps).....	31	32	30	93
Total.....				951

Counted out:—
Railton (Defence Corps)..... 32 30 24 86
Mayor (Dockyard R.C.)..... 27 29 25 81

The following gentlemen acted as umpires for the day:—
Singapore.—Lieut. F. A. Henslowe, Sird Co., R.G.A.
Shanghai.—Lieut. V. Logan, Defence Corps.
Penang.—Mr. C. Young.
Mr. C. Young and Mr. T. Williams officiated in the butts.

ASSOCIATION FOR HONGKONG.
In the absence of the President of the Rifle League, Mr. F. Goodman addressed the gathering at the conclusion. He referred to the useful work done by the Rifle League which provided shooting for civilians, the Defence Corps and for the Army and Navy. It was hoped in the future to form a Rifle Association in Hongkong, to be run on somewhat similar lines to that of Shanghai, which proved to be a great success, and which Hongkong desired to emulate. There were hundreds of people in Hongkong interested in shooting but at present they had no opportunity of handling a rifle. With such an association they would be able to hold many competitions, including competitions for ladies; and revolver shooting; in fact competitions for anyone who could shoot a rifle. They had promised assistance from the General Officer Commanding, whilst H.E. the Governor had also promised every assistance. With these promises they probably would be able to procure ammunition at a nominal price and by giving due notice they might be able to obtain a free issue of rifles.

Mr. Goodman went on to say that it was very important that every able-bodied man should know how to use a rifle in case of emergency. He remarked that there were numbers of ladies in the Colony who were longing for the opportunity for shooting over a long range, and recalled an occasion when a party of ladies held a rifle shooting match at Tai Hang range with a party of gentlemen. These ladies secured a great victory over the men and finished up with 75 points in hand.

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Race meeting. The event materialised but unfortunately the heavy rains of the previous days and during the morning marred the success of the meeting, from the point of view of attendance. Many private picnics and tennis parties had to be cancelled.

OLD STAGERS IN FORM.

Mr. Goodman specially thanked the Taikoo Rifle Club for the valuable assistance they had accorded to the Rifle League during the Season.

So far as the interport match was concerned, Hongkong had returned a score of 951, which was an average of 95.1. This, he considered, was an excellent score, especially in view of the fact that they had to take two or three people down from the hill and try and convince them they could still shoot. When these gentlemen appeared on the range, and despite the fact that they had scarcely shot four times in four years, they did extremely well. In this direction he would like to compliment Mr. Lytle on his fine shooting. On the whole he had an idea that Shanghai had a long way to go to beat Hongkong. Singapore had scored 885, whilst he thought Penang would not be in the running.

Mr. Goodman proceeded to thank Captain Lee of the United States Navy, for coming to their assistance. Although he was not used to the short Lee-Enfield, he certainly showed some of them how to use that weapon. He also congratulated Mr. Bone on his score.

Mr. Eldridge, Chairman of the Taikoo Rifle Club, returned thanks on behalf of the Club, and stated that they were always ready to welcome any person who wished to shoot over the range, provided that they gave due notice to their energetic Secretary (Mr. Summers). Now that King's Park and Tai Hang ranges were closed down, and Stonecutters was practically inaccessible, through "red tape," Taikoo was the only range left to them. He thanked the President for the abundant supply of refreshments and concluded by remarking on the prominence given to Taikoo men in that day's match.

OPIUM SEIZURE.

A HILLSIDE HIDING PLACE.

A party of detectives made a seizure of opium and ammunition in a spot which has been known to the police for many years past as a favourite rendezvous for smugglers, but until yesterday the police have been unable to lay hands on either the smugglers or their contraband.

In a cave on the hillside, not far from the Tung Wah Hospital Mortuary, the detectives found between 40 and 50 lbs. of raw opium and between three and four thousand rounds of ammunition. A few hundred rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made. The place is quite a handy one for smugglers and its close proximity to a wharf, where Chinese coffins are landed for the mortuary, makes it an ideal place for outwitting the Revenue Officers.

BRIGANDAGE IN CHEKIANG PROVINCE.

TROOPS TO PROTECT SILK TRANSPORT.

General Lu Yang Hsiang, Tungan of Chekiang (the province in which Shanghai is situated) has, in response to a request from the Chinese Silk Guild, signified his willingness to place troops on the railway and water-routes in Chekiang for the purpose of protecting silk and cocoon season. Chekiang is evidently not the law-abiding province of six months ago.

A further report states that General Chang Tsai Yang, Civil Governor of Chekiang, has telegraphed to Peking reporting that as numerous robbers are operating in the eastern section of Chekiang and interfering with the traffic, no permits should be issued to foreigners who desire to visit Yunnan, Ziangshan and Fonghuk. General Chang states that he thinks it will take his men at least half a year to suppress the brigands. A recent letter from a traveller in this part of Chekiang, says the *N.C. Daily News*, which understands that fully confirms the last statement, officials have been plainly told by consular officers that it is their duty to furnish escorts for foreigners.

BASKET BALL.

A friendly basket ball match was played on the Y.M.C.A. floor on the 23rd inst. between the Railroad Recreation Club, who are the Open League Champions, and the University Senior School Champions, resulting in a win for the former by 13 to 11. After the game Mr. R. E. O. Bird presented shields to the Railroad Recreation Club Open Champions 1924; to the University, winners of the Senior School Champions; and to Elsie Kadorie School, the Junior School Champions.

The following lined out for the R.R.C. and University teams:—
R.R.C.—Yau Kit (Capt.), Shik Wan Kwan, Wan Kwong Ting, Ng Po Lau, Lee Shun Wah, Sung Yu Tak, Lee Hon Ping, Wong To Ping.
University.—Wong Tin Sik (Capt.), W. Jong Sling, D. Ling, A. A. Rumjahn, K. Y. Li, H. T. Lau, J. S. Cuzdar, E. K. York.

Mr. A. E. Dome had charge of the game.

In a paragraph referring to Col. Basil A. Hill, Commanding Officer of the Army Ordnance Corps, Hongkong, who last week returned to Shanghai from a visit to Peking the *N.C. Daily News* says: Col. Hill recently won the golf championship of Hongkong and was formerly known as a Rugby footballer. He captained the England XV in 1904 and was responsible for the theory that forwards should be particularly detailed to the front or back row of the scrum. Against Wales this Hill was the victim of a storm of adverse criticism. Since that day his theory has been vindicated and it is consistently practised by International teams to-day. He took part in the match at Scotland in 1907 with Capt. E. I. M. Barrett.

CAPTAIN DOISY ON HIS EXPERIENCES.
HIS NEW MACHINE INFERIOR TO THE OLD ONE.

Capt. Doisy, the French aviator who was interviewed at Shanghai by a representative of the *N.C. Daily News*, asked what he thought were his prospects of getting to Tokyo, the aviator replied with a characteristic shrug of the shoulders:—

"If all goes well with me, I shall get there, may be on June 1st."

"And what if the new machine smashes?" he was asked.

"If I smash with the new machine then I will get another. If that smashes then I will get a third somehow, but if the third smashes then I will go back to France."

Asked whether the plane it was proposed to lend him was as good as the one in which he arrived, Capt. Doisy smiled and shook his head.

"The machines are the same make," he replied. "Both are Breguets, but the new one is nothing like so powerful as the old. It will not hold the same amount of power or give the same amount of speed. Had I my old machine I could have gone to Peking straight without a stop. Now I must stop twice to fill my tanks, and I do not know the country."

THE ACCIDENT EXPLAINED.
"Your accident at Kiangwan?" queried the representative. "To what do you attribute it? To bad luck, engine trouble, or a bad landing position?"

"The landing place was not good," came the reply. "Kiangwan is not long enough for an engine of the dimensions carried by my machine. It was too powerful and the run was too short. Also I had bad luck with the wind and with my engine. I had trouble with the engine just as I was looking for a spot to land, but before I could choose one the engine behaved so badly I just had to land where I could. It was all *tres difficile*, very bad luck."

Asked whether it was true there was rain water in the engine, the aviator shook his head. "It might have been so," he said, "it might well have been so, but it is very difficult to say. Both I and the mechanic, we were lucky to escape with our lives."

Questioned as to his experiences on the journey up from Canton Capt. Doisy replied:—

"It was very tiring. The country was difficult. I did not know it at all and could find no landing place. For ten hours I had to keep awake and alert. It was very tiring, and we were glad to see Shanghai."

As a point of curiosity our representative asked him what he ate and drank during the flight.

YES, HE HAD A BANANA.
"I ate as little as possible in the air," he replied. "It is not well to do otherwise. Eat as little as possible and drink as little as possible. All I had during the ten hours I was in the air from Canton was one banana. It was enough; when I am in air I do not want to eat."

When he was asked with regard to weather conditions he replied that the weather he encountered was very mixed, but at 10 time was very bad and his companion in any great danger of crashing.

Capt. Doisy expressed himself as rather anxious concerning that part of the journey between here and the Korean border.

"The machine I hope to get will be small" (he repeated) "and on the whole way I know of no good landing places, yet twice I must land. It will be very difficult and I shall not feel happy till I get into Japanese territory. There the landing places are many and good and well laid out. Before then, anything may happen."

HOW HE LEFT PARIS.
In the course of further conversation, quite accidentally the origin of the story that Capt. Doisy left Paris with no preparation was explained. Our representative happened to ask the aviator what he thought were his chances of succeeding in getting round the world, and once again the reply was characteristic.

"When I left Paris," he said, "I expected to get no further than Chateau Hery, but the luck was with me, everything went beautifully and I thought the thing went too good to miss. I came opportunity too good to miss. I was right on to Shanghai, and all the way right on to Shanghai, and all the way right on to Shanghai. It is all luck. If I had crashed again, it is all luck. If I had crashed again, it is all luck. If I had crashed again, it is all luck."

RECENTLY MARRIED.
After further conversation our reporter picked up his hat and was about to go.

"Stay one moment," called Capt. Doisy. "I would like to tell you of my experience in British India, and to make known generally the very fine treatment I received from the British people there, and in particular from my brother airmen. They were all wonderfully hospitable, in Karachi, Agra, Calcutta, and Basra. Always, I found that same spirit of camaraderie which characterized the relations of the French and British aviators during the war."

Our reporter raised his hat, shook hands with one of the cheeriest and most obliging men he has ever had to interview, and departed.

Capt. Doisy is a fine figure of a man. Standing well over six feet in height he is remarkable for a powerful pair of shoulders, and a red, healthy beaming face. His eyes twinkle as he talks, and his conversation reveals a strong sense of humour. He is certainly a man his countrymen can be proud of.

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shoulders, and a red, healthy beaming face. His eyes twinkle as he talks, and his conversation reveals a strong sense of humour. He is certainly a man his countrymen can be proud of.

Capt. Doisy was married only some twelve months ago, and is the proud father of a baby girl. His wife follows his progress with the greatest anxiety and keeps in constant touch with him.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on **SATURDAY, 7th JUNE, 1924, at 12.30 P.M.** in the **Jockey Club Rooms, Hongkong Club, A.P.C.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "BOLTON CASTLE" FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and for from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 24th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th prox. or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst. at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1924. [815]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from "Y. C. A. C. S." are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and for from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th May will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th June, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1924. [811]

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NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter on the 25th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 2nd June, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 28th inst. at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSER, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1924. [809]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on **WEDNESDAY, the 28th MAY, 1924, at 11.00 A.M.**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th May, 1924, to 26th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. J. JORDAIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1924. [763]

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1924. [785]

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will CLOSE at 12 o'clock Noon, on **MONDAY, 26th MAY, 1924, instead of SATURDAY, 24th May, 1924.** By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

THE Conditions for Race No. 2 on the First Day and Race No. 3 on the Second Day have been Cancelled and the following Substituted therefor:—

SATURDAY, 7th JUNE, 1924.

1.—GRANVILLE STAKES. One Mile—For China Ponies of Grifflins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of not more than two races 7 lbs. extra; winners of three or more races 12 lbs. extra. Subscription: Grifflins of this Season allowed 5 lbs. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. Jockeys who have not won more than four Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee, \$5. 1st Prize, \$400. 2nd Prize, \$150. 3rd Prize, \$100.

MONDAY, 9th JUNE, 1924.

3.—MILSTONE PLATE. One Mile—For China Ponies that have started in Hongkong since 1st January, 1924, and previous to this Meeting and have not won a race since 1st January, 1924. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not won more than four Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Entrance Fee, \$5. 1st Prize, \$400. 2nd Prize, \$150. 3rd Prize, \$100. Amended Drafts. Programmes will be obtainable on 22nd inst. [805]

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. J. J. MATHESON & CO., LTD., on **FRIDAY, the 30th MAY, 1924, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to April 30th, 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 24th May, 1924, to Friday, the 30th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 16th, 1924. [786]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share No. 4287 for 500 shares of the above Company, in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM, of Hongkong, together with a duly executed transfer, deed purporting to assign the said shares has been lost.

The said shares are the property of the Underwriter and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a Duplicate Script.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said Shares without reference to the Underwriter. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said script is asked to communicate with the Underwriter.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1924. [808]

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GENEVA AND CHINA.

In view of the Opium Conference to be held at Geneva in the autumn of this year some interesting and valuable information has been made available by the recent publication of the official report we reproduced last week as to the "extensive smuggling, which takes place in Hongkong, and the equally valuable report which has just been issued by the International Anti-Opium Association in Peking containing the results of an investigation the Association has recently made regarding the cultivation and traffic in opium in China. The Hongkong report tells us that the opium smuggled into Hongkong is mostly of Chinese origin and that a conservative estimate of the amount successfully introduced into the Colony in twelve months would be in the neighbourhood of 1,200,000 taels. We are told that during last year Canton, Kowloon, Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai, as well as places in Mira Bay were supplied with Chinese opium, especially the popular Yunnan product, by dealers working from Hongkong. An impression commonly prevails abroad that the opium smuggling business at Hongkong is in foreign opium which unscrupulous foreign merchants are bent on forcing upon the poor Chinese. That is quite an erroneous idea as the information given in the latest official report clearly shows. Hongkong in this matter gets a good deal of undeserved blame, but we are glad to see that the International Anti-Opium Association in Peking now recognises that "it is difficult to see what the monopolies can accomplish in the way of restriction so long as China maintains universal and unrestricted cultivation," and that it recognises also that "the smuggling of Chinese cheap opium into the monopoly

countries will always tend to neutralise restrictive efforts." Most people by this time have been made aware by newspaper reports from many points in the interior of China that cultivation is now being carried on in China on a very extensive scale. The President of the Anti-Opium Association estimates that if in 1903 (i.e. before Prohibition) China produced approximately 30,000 tons of opium, in 1923 it cannot have been less than half this quantity. In 1923, he says, every province in China but one, namely Shansi, had not only free and unrestrained opium cultivation and use, but in many provinces cultivation was compulsory under heavy taxation and traffic in every way encouraged. Bishop Norrish speaks of "the enormous revenues derived from this traffic, and describes the fact as a blight upon China's civilisation because these revenues have been mostly used for the maintenance of the provincial armies, and the production of inter-provincial wars, and as he rightly adds, "only by the revenues of opium taxation could these armies be kept from insurrection." A calculation has been made that there are no less than four million acres of land in China, now under opium cultivation. Some of the things that the Anti-Opium Association has gleaned in the course of its investigations is that Yunnan disposes of several hundred tons of opium yearly; that \$20,000,000 worth of Fukien opium was smuggled into neighbouring provinces in 1923; by military authorities; that \$500,000 was collected in opium taxes in a little over a month by the "Joint Army Office" at Ichang; that over \$5,000,000 per annum is collected in opium taxes by the Kiangai monopoly; that about \$1,000,000 is collected on opium in transit at Nanning, in Kwangsi province; that \$15,000,000 was raised by the taxation on opium in Shensi in 1923; that in the province of Anhui over \$3,000,000 was raised by the taxation of opium; that the Government monopoly at Amoy is expected to raise \$500,000 a month on taxation and licenses; and that the Fukien militarists planned to raise \$15,000,000 in opium taxes in 1923. "These," says the President, "are but a few substantiated items concerning revenue arising out of the traffic and form but a small fraction of the whole." We observe that the Association has failed so far to learn the attitude of the Chinese Government towards the coming Opium Conference at Geneva, or their intentions with regard to China. In view of the foregoing facts we are not surprised. The Chinese Government is manifestly powerless to fulfil its obligations under The Hague Convention.

It is officially notified that the name of Mr. M. H. B. Scott has been added to the list of authorised architects in the Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Redmond and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Logan were passengers for Home on the P. & O. Kashmir which left on Saturday.

A Russian woman who owned the Passay Hotel, Manila, committed suicide last week by drinking lysol. No reason for the act is known.

There were 898 officers and other ranks on parade when Major-General Sir John Fowler made his inspection of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps last week.

H. E. The Governor has appointed Mr. W. L. Leask to be a member of the Authorised Architects Committee during the absence of Mr. A. Denison.

With the exception of a petty larceny case and several minor offences proved against hawkers, there were no other charges dealt with at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

Even the nature of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's "political will" came to be known at Peking following the reports of the Generalissimo's alleged death. The will was alleged to have named as his successor Dr. C. C. Wu or Mr. Tang Shao-yi.

The fusing of an electric wire caused a small outbreak of fire on the second floor verandah of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's office at 8 o'clock on Friday night. The outbreak was successfully dealt with before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

As the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, F.C., is shortly leaving the Colony for the summer, an election by the Justices of the Peace of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Legislative Council during his absence is to take place on June 5th. Nominations have to be in by Saturday next.

The engagement is announced of Montgomery Reader Harris, younger son of the late Reader Harris, F.C., and Millicent Dauriac, only daughter of Sir Skinner and Lady Turner.

There was a small outbreak of fire reported last night from No. 100, Wanchai Road, second floor, but when the Brigade arrived from the Wanchai substation the outbreak had been put out by the inmates.

Sir Ronald Macleay, K.M., Minister to Peking, returned to the Capital last week from a short hunting expedition in company with Mr. Vecker, and Mr. F. W. E. Collins, Lady Macleay, who has been on holiday in Japan, has also returned to Peking.

The Philippine National Bank has spent about P.75,000 in filing its recent cases for recovery of big amounts lent by the Concepcion directorate to sugar centrals, oil companies and other firms, and the three cases against seven of its former directors, according to best informed persons. The expenses include court fees, deposits and attorney's fees.

It is reported in the Shanghai New Times, a Russian journal, that Jews continue to leave Russia in a state of panic. Recently, over 30 families have arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostok, bringing news that trains and steamers arriving from East Russia are crowded with Jewish refugees, hurrying away from the country in consequence of the increasing anti-Jewish feeling.

A fire at Shanghai last week completely gutted the office of Mr. Elliott Hazard, architect, Mr. Chris Wingrove, and the China Dry Kiln and Woodworking Co. on the upper floor of No. 5, Avenue Edouard VII. Most of the contents are a total loss. The physical properties were insured, but many architectural plans and blue prints, belonging to Mr. Hazard were either ruined by fire or water.

In announcing the coming departure for England of Mr. F. H. Bugbird, the general manager in Japan of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., who has been a resident in Japan for the past 30 years, the Japan Times announces that on his departure, the head office of the firm will be moved from Yokohama to Kobe. Mr. and Mrs. Bugbird are due to leave on June 7th by the Empress of Russia and will not return.

Command Orders contains the following:—"It has come to notice that three cases have been admitted to Hospital and several have attended the Medical Inspection Rooms suffering from effects of heat due to prolonged exposure to the sun when bathing. Officers Commanding Units or Detachments will warn all ranks under their command against the danger of this practice. Hospital accommodation is scarce and all preventable diseases must be reduced to a minimum."

The French aviator, Captain Doisy, and his mechanic, Sergeant Vesin, were entertained by members of the Cercle Sportif Français at Shanghai last week and the French Consul-General presented Captain Doisy with a beautiful jade vase, purchased out of a fund of \$7,000 contributed by French residents, and seven boxes of valuable silks and satins. To Sergeant Vesin, the Consul-General presented a rare bronze Buddha and three boxes of silk. Mr. Douglas Fleming, on behalf of British admirers, also warmly welcomed the aviators.

Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner-designate of Customs at Swatow, was given a most enthusiastic send-off on his leaving Ningpo to take up his new appointment. Mr. Carey's outstandingly brilliant work in connection with famine relief work made his departure a real blow to Ningpo and the big famine-affected districts of this part of the province of Chekiang. The large numbers of Chinese officials and notables who assembled to bid Mr. Carey farewell were a sufficient criterion of the value of his public work here during the last three and a half years.

A notification by the Harbour Master, published in the current issue of the Government Gazette contains the arrangements made for the protection of life and property in the harbour during typhoon weather. When there are immediate prospects of weather conditions becoming so bad as to place the native craft in the harbour in danger of being unable to make shelter on their own account, a Red Ensign will be hoisted at the Harbour Office, indicating that two naval tugs will be available to tow merchant craft to shelter. The Notifications sets out the arrangements in detail and gives a table of towing charges.

Mr. Frank Allen who left for Home by the s.s. *Andre Jehan*, yesterday, after nearly 30 years' residence in Hongkong, arrived in Hongkong in 1895 as a Marine Officer but after two years' service on various coastal vessels he joined the Sanitary Department and for many years has been in charge of the cemeteries at Happy Valley. He was one of the founders of the Civil Service Cricket Club and was also an ardent supporter of the Crispinower Cricket Club. From the Indian Recreation Club Mr. Allen was the recipient of a memento which took the form of cigarette case suitably inscribed, in recognition of his services to the Club in looking after the Club's grounds.

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The Philippine National Bank has spent about P.75,000 in filing its recent cases for recovery of big amounts lent by the Concepcion directorate to sugar centrals, oil companies and other firms, and the three cases against seven of its former directors, according to best informed persons. The expenses include court fees, deposits and attorney's fees.

It is reported in the Shanghai New Times, a Russian journal, that Jews continue to leave Russia in a state of panic. Recently, over 30 families have arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostok, bringing news that trains and steamers arriving from East Russia are crowded with Jewish refugees, hurrying away from the country in consequence of the increasing anti-Jewish feeling.

A fire at Shanghai last week completely gutted the office of Mr. Elliott Hazard, architect, Mr. Chris Wingrove, and the China Dry Kiln and Woodworking Co. on the upper floor of No. 5, Avenue Edouard VII. Most of the contents are a total loss. The physical properties were insured, but many architectural plans and blue prints, belonging to Mr. Hazard were either ruined by fire or water.

In announcing the coming departure for England of Mr. F. H. Bugbird, the general manager in Japan of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., who has been a resident in Japan for the past 30 years, the Japan Times announces that on his departure, the head office of the firm will be moved from Yokohama to Kobe. Mr. and Mrs. Bugbird are due to leave on June 7th by the Empress of Russia and will not return.

Command Orders contains the following:—"It has come to notice that three cases have been admitted to Hospital and several have attended the Medical Inspection Rooms suffering from effects of heat due to prolonged exposure to the sun when bathing. Officers Commanding Units or Detachments will warn all ranks under their command against the danger of this practice. Hospital accommodation is scarce and all preventable diseases must be reduced to a minimum."

The French aviator, Captain Doisy, and his mechanic, Sergeant Vesin, were entertained by members of the Cercle Sportif Français at Shanghai last week and the French Consul-General presented Captain Doisy with a beautiful jade vase, purchased out of a fund of \$7,000 contributed by French residents, and seven boxes of valuable silks and satins. To Sergeant Vesin, the Consul-General presented a rare bronze Buddha and three boxes of silk. Mr. Douglas Fleming, on behalf of British admirers, also warmly welcomed the aviators.

Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner-designate of Customs at Swatow, was given a most enthusiastic send-off on his leaving Ningpo to take up his new appointment. Mr. Carey's outstandingly brilliant work in connection with famine relief work made his departure a real blow to Ningpo and the big famine-affected districts of this part of the province of Chekiang. The large numbers of Chinese officials and notables who assembled to bid Mr. Carey farewell were a sufficient criterion of the value of his public work here during the last three and a half years.

A notification by the Harbour Master, published in the current issue of the Government Gazette contains the arrangements made for the protection of life and property in the harbour during typhoon weather. When there are immediate prospects of weather conditions becoming so bad as to place the native craft in the harbour in danger of being unable to make shelter on their own account, a Red Ensign will be hoisted at the Harbour Office, indicating that two naval tugs will be available to tow merchant craft to shelter. The Notifications sets out the arrangements in detail and gives a table of towing charges.

Mr. Frank Allen who left for Home by the s.s. *Andre Jehan*, yesterday, after nearly 30 years' residence in Hongkong, arrived in Hongkong in 1895 as a Marine Officer but after two years' service on various coastal vessels he joined the Sanitary Department and for many years has been in charge of the cemeteries at Happy Valley. He was one of the founders of the Civil Service Cricket Club and was also an ardent supporter of the Crispinower Cricket Club. From the Indian Recreation Club Mr. Allen was the recipient of a memento which took the form of cigarette case suitably inscribed, in recognition of his services to the Club in looking after the Club's grounds.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DR. SUN PHOTOGRAPHED.

SHANGHAI, May 24th. The *North-China Daily News* has obtained a photograph of the reception of Capt. Doisy at Canton which appears to show Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

This is taken to be conclusive evidence that Dr. Sun Yat Sen was not dead at that time.

PEKING APPOINTMENTS.

PEKING, May 23rd. A mandate is to be issued shortly appointing:—

Yan Song-tai and Teng Shi Hou Civil Governor of Szechuen.

Liuh Siang-tsun of Szechuen and the Tibetan-Kuman borders.

Liu Tseng Hou-tsun of the Szechuen-Shensi border.

EMPIRE DAY AT HOME. GREAT GATHERING AT WEMBLEY. MANY PROCESSIONS AND A PAGEANT OF YOUTH.

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

"O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,
Our thoughts go boundless, and our souls are free,
For as the breeze can bear, the billows foam,
Survey our Empire, and behold our Home!"

BYRON.

LATEST CABLES. (THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, May 24th.
Celebrations in London were held on an unparalleled scale.
3,000 members of juvenile organisations participated at the Stadium, Wembley, in a Pageant of Youth organized by the League of Empire, and marched past the Duke of Connaught, standing in the Royal Box to music played alternately by massed pipe bands of Scottish Regiments, 100 strong, and a drum and fife band 300 strong.

The procession was assisted by a choir of 1,000 boy scouts who later sang "Hearts of Oak" and "Auld Lang Syne," accompanied by a massed band of 400 performers drawn from all units of the British Army.

It poured with rain throughout the night and morning, but the sun shone at 3 p.m. when the proceedings began. Special trains brought spectators from all over the country. The Stadium was packed.

Children predominated in the cheering when the Duke of Connaught walked to the dais and megaphoned that he had sent a loyal telegram to the King, who had replied, thanking them.

Wireless messages from Empire statesmen were read during intervals.

"PARENT TREE STILL GREEN."
In the evening there was a special Commonwealth performance at the Broadcasting Station. Speakers included Mr. MacDonald, who said *inter alia*, "the parent tree is still green, and the sap of high endeavour still swells its branches. Our days of voyaging are not over. The nations centering around this Motherland still hear the call to go out in the Elizabeth spirit of gallantry and dauntlessness in the search for liberty, justice and peace."

A SCOTTISH BYE-ELECTION. CONSERVATIVES HOLD SEAT.

LONDON, May 24th.
The Kelvin Grove bye-election necessitated by the death of the sitting member, resulted as follows:—
Capt. W. E. Elliot (Conservative) 15,486
Mr. A. Ferguson (Labour) 11,187
Sir J. W. Pratt (Liberal) 1,372
Whilst this constituency remains as for a long period, Conservative, the feature of the result given above is the growth of Labour support. In the General Election of December, 1922, for instance, Labour was not represented, and the Liberal candidate polled 11,094 votes (compared with the 1,372 recorded above) against Mr. W. Hutchison's (Conservative) 13,442.

AMERICA TELLS ENGLAND. BUT NO BACK ANSWERS.

LONDON, May 24th.
An official statement by the Post Office reveals that experiments have been conducted during the past year whereby American "telephone" subscribers in America successfully conversed with ordinary subscribers in England, though the latter were unable to reply.

A Government committee is watching tests and has reported advising the establishment of a 200 kilowatt transmitting plant at Rugby to enable an extensive two-way communication "between" telephone centers in both countries during favourable conditions.

BRITISH STEEL PIPES FOR SINGAPORE.

LONDON, May 24th.
The industrial correspondent of the *Daily News* learns that a well-known Glasgow manufacturing firm has secured an order for 15 miles of welded steel pipes, averaging three feet in diameter, in connection with the new Singapore water supply scheme.

Further important orders in connection with this project are expected to be placed in Britain soon.

A UNITED EMPIRE.

A United Empire was the theme of the speeches at the Empire Day dinner held under the auspices of the Colonial Institute.

The Duke of Connaught presided. A distinguished Company of 400 was present including the Duke of York and Sir Joseph Cook, Sir Hugh Clifford, Sir James Allen, and Sir Gordon Guggisberg. Mr. Thomas, in proposing the principal toast, appealed for a cessation of miserable class warfare and class talk. (Cheers.)

Let all no matter of what class or creed, unite on making the Empire worthy of the sacrifices of those of all classes who defended the Empire in the War.

Mr. MacKenzie, ex-Premier of New Zealand, replying, warned the Government that they must change their procedure if the overseas representatives were to continue to attend Imperial Conferences, as they would be bitterly disappointed if they saw no effect given to the recommendations of the conferences.

Referring to the Singapore scheme, he said that if ever Australasia fell away from the Empire it would be through the responsible people in Britain not providing proper protection.

THEIR MAJESTIES attended a thanksgiving service at the Stadium on Sunday afternoon when the bands of a 1,000 instruments and a choir of 2,000 which sang at the opening ceremony were reinforced. A boy scout choir participated in the impressive ceremony of a lay procession symbolical of the builders of the Empire, carrying Colonial flags and emblems. They entered the Stadium first, followed by an ecclesiastical procession, including the Archbishops, Bishops and representatives of religious bodies.

The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered an address, and a collection was taken on behalf of the British Empire cancer campaign.

Empire Day was celebrated throughout the country with flying flags and patriotic demonstrations, notably at Belfast, where despite bad weather, 10,000 school children at Ormeau Park were presented with commemorative medals. A parade of boy scouts and girl guides was inspected by the Duke of Abercorn.

(Descriptions of how Empire Day was observed in Hongkong will be found on page 5.)

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT OPENED.

ROME, May 24th.
The King, accompanied by the Queen and the Royal Family opened Parliament in the presence of Signor Mussolini, the Cabinet Ministers, Senators, deputies and diplomats.

In a speech from the throne he said that the tasks begun by the Government must be continued with determination. Juridical administrative reforms were necessary, and military problems must be solved according to the economic situation of the country and the demands of foreign policy.

Italy was unable to remain unarmed among armed nations; she was unable to run the great risk of being taken unawares.

Italy's foreign policy must be peace with dignity. Italy was ready to direct all her energies towards reaching an equitable solution of the reparations questions, and ready to make sacrifices in order that peace might be guaranteed, provided her legitimate fundamental interests were safeguarded.

ITALIANS IN EAST AFRICA. AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

LONDON, May 24th.
In view of the forthcoming visit of the Italian sovereigns to England satisfaction is expressed in both countries at the official announcement of a decision to conclude an agreement in regard to the vexed question of Jubaland, whereby part of the Jubaland province in Kenya Colony will be added to Italian Somaliland on lines laid down by the Milner-Scialoja agreement of 1920.

Details are to be settled in London by Anglo-Italian experts immediately.

It is stated from Rome that Italy is pleased by the Agreement because it re-establishes a close Anglo-Italian friendship and a friendly compromise suggesting well for prompt agreement by the experts.

THE INDIAN REFORMS.

SIMLA, May 24th.
The Government announces the appointment of a committee of officials and non-officials to conduct an enquiry into the working of the reforms.

LATEST CABLES. SOVIET CORRUPTION. SEVENTEEN DEATH SENTENCES.

MOSCOW, May 25th.
A sensational trial of a number of judges, examining-magistrates and members of the revolutionary tribunal by the Supreme Court at Leningrad on charges of accepting bribes from keepers of houses of ill-fame, blackmail, extortion, and the illegal release of prisoners, resulted in seventeen being sentenced to death; seven to 10 years' imprisonment; two to five years; eight to three years, while two have been exiled to the Narim Province.

KARL MARX'S BODY. SOVIET REQUEST TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, May 24th.
According to the *Daily Express* the Soviet delegation in London has petitioned the Home Office for permission to remove to Moscow the body of Karl Marx, which lies in Highgate Cemetery, London.

It is doubtful, however, whether the Home Office has power to grant the request, since the grave is the property of Marx's descendants, the principal of whom, incidentally, is a French socialist who is anti-Bolshevik.

THE ENEMIES OF COMMUNISM. REMOVED BY SOVIET.

RIGA, May 25th.
In a speech discussing the tasks of the congress of the Russian communist party, M. Kamenoff said the party was in no danger from the activities of the intelligentsia and the spreading of their ideas. The Communists' campaign for a proletarian was making such sweeping progress that it was unnecessary to institute special clearing measures against the intelligentsia. Moreover, anti-communist elements had already been removed.

Latest reports from Petrograd state that the Soviet authorities are not only depriving the intelligentsia of facilities for securing higher education by forbidding them to attend higher schools, but are expelling proletarian students who exhibit any initial signs or tendency towards non-communist ideas, thus hoping to prevent the development of anti-communist intelligence.

MINER MANAGER'S "CRIME."
It is announced from Moscow that the mine manager and the engineer Jacobson who were sentenced to death at Omsk on a charge of "economic espionage" had informed the ex-owners of the mine, residing in England, of the condition of their property.

Seventeen persons, including two women, have been sentenced to death at Jitomir.

EARLIER CABLES. SOVIET FINANCES. A GIGANTIC DEFICIT.

RIGA, May 25th.
Rykoft in a report on the financial position of the Soviet says the Budget deficit has increased to 400,000,000 gold rubles, and the Government has decided radically to reduce the agricultural and industrial credits, but any further reduction of military expenditure is impossible.

A MOSCOW "ELECTRO-BANK."

MOSCOW, May 25th.
The Council of the People's Commissaries has decided to establish a so-called "electro-bank" for the purpose of financing electrical development. It is proposed to establish power stations at Shatour, Volkoff and Nijni Novgorod.

MALARIA RAMPANT IN RUSSIA. MILLIONS OF CASES.

MOSCOW, May 25th.
Five and a half million cases of malaria occurred in Russia last year, and it is feared the number will be exceeded in 1924.
The central committee of the Communist party has issued an appeal to everybody to assist in promoting a new society which is to be founded by Trotsky for chemical defence.

LATEST CABLES. RUHR MINERS' STRIKE. SITUATION GRAVE.

COLOGNE, May 25th.
The situation arising out of the miners' strike in the Ruhr is growing graver, following the closing down of other big works employing many thousands. Several departments of Krupps have suspended to-day, and others are expected to close to-morrow.

NORWAY STRIKE ENDED.

CHRISTIANIA, May 25th.
After two months' idleness the 60,000 workers involved in the industrial dispute are to resume immediately on terms fixed by a public mediator.

FINNISH ARMEN KILLED.

HELSINKI, May 25th.
Three army airmen were killed through their aeroplane catching fire and crashing.

LIQUOR ON LINERS. GOOD NEWS FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

LONDON, May 24th.
Atlantic liners sailing from to-day onwards will again carry their old stocks of liquor consequent on a formal exchange of ratifications in regard to the Anglo-American Liquor Treaty.

ALL-INDIA MOSLEM LEAGUE.

LAHORE, May 25th.
The All India Moslem League, which has suspended its activities for the last few years has been revived.

Mr. Jinnah, a Bombay barrister, presiding at a large meeting of the League here to-day deplored the Hindu-Moslem dissension in India, especially in the Punjab, and declared that if Hindus and Moslems only co-operated, wholeheartedly India would be able to force the British Parliament to grant India responsible dominion Government.

Mr. Jinnah dissociated himself with the "extremist" policy of wanton destruction, but declared that if the British Government did not respond satisfactorily to the national demand, they must as a last resort make Government through the elected Councils impossible. He urged the scrapping of the existing constitution and the immediate grant of provincial autonomy, otherwise results would be dangerous.

THE WORLD'S SPORT. HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS DRAW.

LONDON, May 25th.
On the continuation of the match between Gloucestershire and South Africa at Bristol, Gloucestershire scored 92. Blackheath taking 4 for 29. The South Africans replied in their second innings with 129 for 8, and declared. Sussex scored 69, not out.

Gloucestershire had made 19 runs for the loss of one wicket when it came on to rain, and the match was drawn.

The match at Lord's between the M.C.C. and the South Africans was not commenced owing to rain.

COUNTY MATCHES.

At Lord's Middlesex drew with Lancashire, the former leading on the first innings. For Middlesex, Hearn compiled 84. For Lancashire, Parkin took 8 for 68.

Yorkshire at Northampton beat Northants by five wickets. For Yorkshire, Macaulay took 6 for 26 and 4 for 42 and Kilner 5 for 34.

Sussex drew with Worcestershire at Worcester and led on the first innings. For Sussex, Tate took 6 for 24.

For Somerset, Essex at Ilford by 37 runs. For Somerset, White took 8 for 39 and 7 for 32.

Surrey at Derby beat Derbyshire by six wickets.

Nottingham defeated Glamorgan at Nottingham by an innings and 57 runs. For Nottingham, Carr scored 111 and Whysall 93.

Oxford University beat Kent by six wickets at Oxford. For the winners, Hewetson took 3 for 16 and 5 for 24. For Kent, Woolley took 6 for 40.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF. ENGLAND BEATS SCOTLAND.

LONDON, May 25th.
In the annual golf international England beat Scotland in the foursomes this morning by three matches to two and in the singles by six matches to four (nine matches to six).

English victories:—
Weathered and Aylmer beat Harris and Torrance, 5/4.
Tolley and Bretherton beat Wilson and Jenkins, 5/3.

Powell and Storey beat Simpson and Robert Scott, 2/1.
Scottish victories:—
Blackwell and Murray beat Holderness and the Hon. Michael Scott, one up.

Burrell and Kyle beat Darwin and Hodgson, one up.

AMERICAN BASEBALL. NEW YORK, MAY 25TH.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
New York, 6; Cleveland, 3.
Philadelphia, 2; Chicago, 2.
Boston, 5; Detroit, 6.
Washington, 1; St. Louis, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Pittsburgh, 2; Brooklyn, 4.
Cincinnati, 8; New York, 7.
Chicago, 6; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 1; Philadelphia, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
New York, 3; Detroit, 7.
Philadelphia, 2; St. Louis, 1.
Boston, 0; Cleveland, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Cincinnati, 0; New York, 5.
Chicago, 3; Boston, 11.
St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 4.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

PRAGUE, May 25th.
Czecho-Slovakia beat New Zealand by four matches to nil.

EARLIER CABLES. FRENCH POLITICS. CAMPAIGN AGAINST M. MILLERAND.

PARIS, May 25th.
A campaign against M. Millerand, which was at first considered to be an after-election bluff, is now regarded very seriously. Not only the Socialists, but all the more extreme followers of the prospective Premier, M. Herriot, are clamouring for the resignation of the President.

The four principal Radical-Socialist organs are daily and imperiously calling for a change at the *Elysee*, though there is reason to believe that M. Herriot and the more moderate Radicals deprecate the campaign, seeing that a Presidential crisis, following the Ministerial crisis is calculated not only to produce political disruption at home but also delay the settlement of reparations and prolong the state of uncertainty in Europe.

HAGUE SHIPPING CONFERENCE. EQUAL PEACE-TIME TREATMENT ADVOCATED.

THE HAGUE, May 25th.
The Baltic and White Sea Conference, meeting here, has unanimously passed a resolution urging shipowners to approach their respective Governments with a view to their accepting unreservedly the principle of equal treatment of shipping, irrespective of flag, in peace-time.

NEW ANTI-SCARLATINA SERUM.

NEWHAVEN (Connecticut), May 25th.
The Yale School of Medicine announces that recent experiments with a new anti-scarlatina serum have cured twenty-five out of twenty-six extreme cases. Death had appeared probable in six of them prior to inoculation.

COMMONWEALTH LOAN CLOSED.

LONDON, May 25th.
The lists of the Commonwealth of Australia Loan floated on May 18th closed to-day, in accordance with the terms of the prospectus.

LATEST CABLES. (REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.) NEW AMERICAN POSSESSION.

ISLAND DISCOVERED BY A BRITISHER.

WASHINGTON, May 25th.
President Coolidge has forwarded to the Senate the recommendation of Mr. Hughes for an extension of United States sovereignty to Swain Island, an isolated atoll 200 miles east-south-east of Apia. State Department records show that the British discoverer of Swain Island could it by a deed to an American and that the British afterwards conceded it to the United States' sovereignty.

THE LIQUOR TREATY IN ACTION.

GALVESTON (Texas), May 25th.
What is probably the first seizure under the new Anglo-American Treaty was made by a coastguard cutter which brought in the British motor-vessel *Pohonus*, carrying a cargo liquor estimated at 1,000 cases, alleged to have been captured within one hour's steaming of the coast.

A WORLD COURT.

WASHINGTON, May 25th.
The Senate has endorsed the United States' adhesion to a Hague Court of International Justice.

Senator Lodge previously withdrew his own World Court scheme.

The late Mr. R. C. Faithfull, whose death occurred in Shanghai last week, following the amputation of a leg, as the result of a poisoned foot, came out to Hongkong when he was 60 years of age and practised here as a solicitor for about eight years. Then he went to Shanghai, joining the staff of Messrs. Hanzons. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Legal Adviser to the Municipal Council, which position he held until 1921. He eventually opened an office on his own account. A rather fine singer, Mr. Faithfull took part in A.D.C. performances. For his advanced age, his physique was wonderful. He was 74 at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and family.

Prolonged drought in Kiangsu province has been relieved by heavy rains, which the ignorant masses are no doubt satisfied have come as the result of the "rain processions" they have been holding. A correspondent writing from Suchien, in N. Kiangsu, writing of these processions, says: "There never have been such processions here. Some 50,000 took part many of the people were burning incense as they went. For about 90 days no meat was bought on the street, and for one day not even vegetables were allowed to be sold. Incense was on hand at every shop in the big street. Children, too, had their processions. When their prayers did not have the desired effect, the people began to get rowdy, and the Magistrate had to stop these processions. Rain then came! So everybody is busy, the maize and beans have been put in, and in many places the wheat looks more promising though on some high ground it is feared there will be no wheat harvest. In spite of this rain, grain and grass for burning have all gone up in price."

FAR-EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN.")
THE SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.
QUESTION OF ITS RENDITION.

SHANGHAI, May 25th.
The American Minister at Peking, Dr. Schurman, who is visiting Shanghai, attended a reception at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Referring to the Mixed Court rendition question, Dr. Schurman said that the desires expressed in the Diplomatic Corps' Note to the Waichiao for Shanghai harbour improvements and the extension of the Foreign Settlement were not intended as conditions for the rendition of the Mixed Court.

The Peking Ministers fully recognised Chinese sovereign rights, but they were obliged to point out that there was not sufficient land for expansion, as this city was becoming one of the world's greatest, and more space was wanted for trade expansion. There were friendly requests, and a refusal to take up the questions by China would not prejudice the return of the Mixed Court, but acceptance would be a friendly act on the part of China, and would hasten the return not only of the Court but of the entire Settlement, which was bound to come some day.

ALL-CHINESE ATHLETIC MEETING.

HANKOW, May 25th.
An All-Chinese Athletic meeting was open at Wuchang yesterday.

The following are the results of the preliminary events:—

Putting the Shot.—East China, 1, 22 and 3. Distance: 12.02 metres.

Broad Jump.—East China, 1, 2, and 4; North China, 3. Distance: 8.25 metres.

1,500 Metres Race.—East China, 1, 2 and 3. Time: 4.47.1-5.

Basketball.—North and Central China, 22 and 23; Manila and Kweichow, 97 and 3.

Volleyball.—Canton-Hankow, 21/2 and 21/1; Canton-Central China, 21/0 and 21/3; North China-East, 21/11 and 21/14.

RETRIAL OF COL. CHEN.

PEKING, May 25th.
Confirming the verbal assurance given to Sir J. W. R. Macleay, British Minister at Peking, the Waichiao has informed the Legation that Colonel Chen will be retried by a special Court Martial at Peking on or about May 30th.

The Waichiao also announces that the soldier Li will be tried in a few days.

ECHO OF RECENT BOMB OUTRAGE.

CHINESE STUDENTS IMPLICATED.

PEKING, May 25th.
Some Communist students have been arrested in connection with the recent bomb attack at Dr. Wellington Koo's residence, but it is understood that they will not be directly charged with the outrage, but for complicity in Communist atrocities.

ADMIRAL SIR A. LEVESON AT PEKING.

PEKING, May 25th.
A brilliant gathering assembled at a dinner given by the British Minister, Sir J. W. R. Macleay, in honour of Admiral Sir A. Leveson, last evening. The guests included Sir Pao Chi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Navy, Commerce, and Communications, General Wang Hui Ching, Sir F. A. Aspley, Sir E. C. A. Wilton, and other high officials.

"GLEN AMOY" NOT YET SALVED.

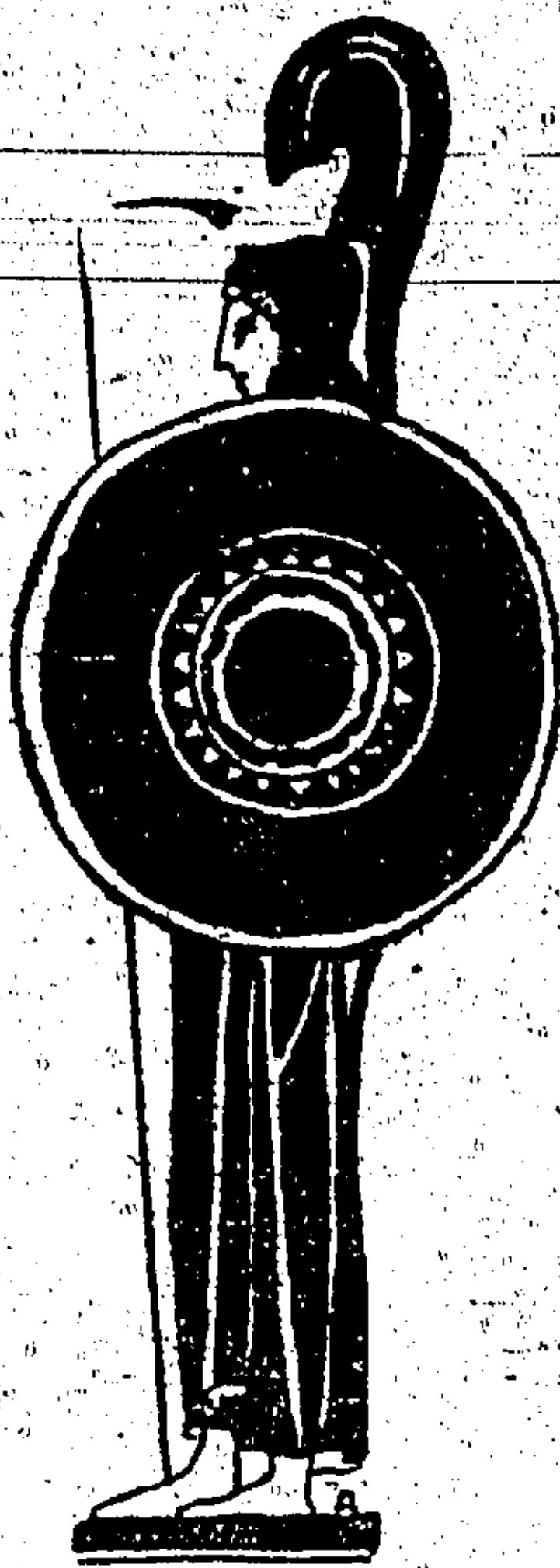
SHANGHAI, May 25th.
All attempts to save the *Glen Amoy* hitherto have proved unsuccessful.

The damage has been increased owing to the rough weather, and the vessel remains in a perilous position.

NEW TREATMENT OF DISEASE.

A plant is being installed in the Margaret Street Dispensary, Hospital, London, by which, it is believed, patients can be treated by the heat of light rays identical with those of the sun. The hospital's heliographist believes that he has discovered an arrangement of arc lights which will "beat the sun" and hopes ultimately to be able to prescribe light baths, indicating the various rays, like ordinary drug prescriptions.

He believes that the new light baths will be most valuable for tuberculosis, rheumatism, rickets, and anaemia, and that it may be possible to use the ultra violet rays to counteract the effects of X-rays.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 25th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.71	29.75	29.75
Temperature	77	74	80
Humidity	84	89	74
Wind Direction	NE	E	SE
" Force	2	3	3
Rain	0	0	0
	2.01	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 24th	80		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 25th	74		

WAR AND POPULATION.

VIEWS FROM CHINA AND JAPAN.

Referring to the recent telegram from London telling of the invention of an invisible ray which, it is claimed, is able to disable motors and that, when developed, will be capable of stopping and destroying aeroplanes or of exploding a powder magazine from a distance, or of destroying anything on which it may be turned, a correspondent, who signs himself "Militarist," writes to the *Journal Chronicle* as follows:—

No doubt there will be some who, on learning of this invention, thought to themselves that it might be a means of preventing future wars. On the assumption that if you make warfare a sufficiently unpleasant form of diversion no one will wish to go to war, then perhaps this latest method of slaughter may prove to be the antidote for those suffering from war fever; but he who thinks thus must be a very cheery optimist and liable to be disillusioned. There were those who, at the time that the machine gun was invented, hailed it as a weapon which would, by its very deadliness, cause nations to ponder deeply before plunging themselves into a war. No doubt much pondering was done, but more than one little difference of opinion has been settled since then by the final arbiter in spite of the opinions of the aforementioned cheery optimists. And so it will always be, no matter how ghastly warfare may be made by the application of scientific research as practised and fostered by the ever-increasing "civilisation" of this world of ours.

In first thoughts it may appear to be very distressing to think that, in view of human nature being what it is, it is unlikely that any antidote against the war bug will ever be found; but is not war, after all, merely one of nature's ways for restricting the over-population of the earth's surface? There seem to be but two other alternatives, namely disease or starvation. Some people might suggest birth control as a remedy, but I am dealing here with nature's ways as apart from artificial means.

DIRT AND DISEASE.

A somewhat cynical friend of mine living in China once remarked to me that although the birth-rate in that country was enormous, the one saving grace was that dirt and disease helped to keep the population from increasing to the point at which there would be insufficient food to keep the whole nation from starving. War and starvation do, of course, account for many thousands of deaths in the Middle Kingdom, even as it is, but if it were not for the myriads killed by dirt and disease the population would soon be brought within limits once more by means of starvation. What is true in regard to China also holds good for the rest of the world, and the whole question resolves itself into the fact that, if you do away with wars, Nature will have to right matters by means of disease and/or starvation. That war is unpleasant no one will deny, but it has at least certain virtues, which is more than can be said of disease and starvation. In certain of its aspects war brings out the worst side of human nature, but the best in mankind is also clearly exhibited. Moreover, history shows that a nation or people afflicted with peace tend, in due course, to deteriorate—in fact a certain amount of "militarism" appears to be as essential for virility as is the rod which Solomon, in all his glory and wisdom, maintained was of such benefit to a child.

Some three or four years ago, when relations between Japan and America were somewhat strained, a Japanese friend of mine said he advocated war between the two countries. His reason for this attitude, he explained, was that if Japan won she would be able to seize the Philippines or other such territory and thereby obtain an outlet for her surplus population. If, on the other hand, Japan was defeated, it would only be after the loss of so many of her soldiers that there would remain no question of surplus population to solve. This seemed at the time to be a somewhat novel line of argument but, when boiled down, it is seen to be based on the theory set forth above, namely that for the disposal of a surplus population, whether it be that of a single nation or of the world in general, nature has eventually to resort either to disease, to starvation, to war—at least that is how it appears to the present writer. If you, or any of your readers, can completely refute this argument, no one will be more grateful than—Yours, etc., "Militarist."

THE POPE'S WALK.

OLD VATICAN BOUNDARY PASSED.

A Rome correspondent wrote last month:—

The Pope to-day walked a few yards farther than any of his predecessors during the last 54 years from the Apostolic Palace, when he went to inaugurate a new playing field belonging to the Catholic association, the Knights of Columbus. A controversy has arisen as to whether this constitutes an infringement of Pope Pius IX's decision that the Pontiffs should not leave the Vatican.

The Vatican holds that as the Knights of Columbus bought the land in the name of the Vatican, and that therefore the Pope never set foot off Papal territory. The walls were through the serenity of St. Peter's to the St. Martha Hospital, thence through a door cut in the wall marking the old boundary of the Vatican to the playing field.

WEATHER REPORT

May 25th at 17.40—Pressure has increased slightly at the majority of reporting stations. The centre of the depression appears to have moved northwards and to be situated about 100 miles eastward of the Azores. It does not appear to be of great intensity and will probably all up.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 25th, 0.10 inch. Total since January 1st, 25.73 inches, against an average of 20.61 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 26th is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Formosa Channel	N.E. or variable winds, moderate rain.
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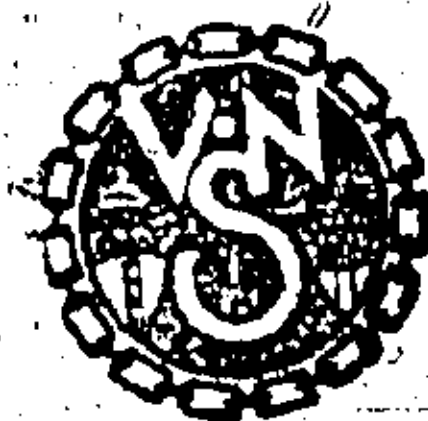
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BILLS OF LADING.

STOPPAGE OF A CONVENIENT PRACTICE.

The issue of bills of lading states the *Fishery Yippon*, before loading is objected to by foreign shipping companies, especially the American ship operators, whose Government strictly prohibits the practice. On the 9th instant the Pacific Freight Conference decided to decline as from the 10th instant to issue bills of lading before loading had been completed. This decision will greatly inconvenience shippers.

Commenting on this, the *Japan Chronicle* states:—The above news is based upon the issue of a circular by the Admiralty, which gave the stevedoring and warehousing companies advice to this effect. The matter is one concerning the covering of goods in the immediate operations connected with shipping or unloading. In the case of insurance, it is used to operate until the goods have left the ship's tackle; then it is extended to landing on the wharf, then to the godowns, and so forth, this incidentally resulting in a good many claims at Yokohama, the marine policies, though operating to a certain degree on land, not specifying any freedom from liability in case of earthquake fires, and other commonly accepted risks. The present case is not one primarily of insurance—the taking of risks on the goods a little further.

It is a very important matter for the shipper to get his documents posted in order that the consignee may receive them as soon as the goods have arrived, and earlier if possible. Hence, it has become common for bills of lading to be issued against lighter receipts instead of against mate's receipts. Going a little further, they are issued against goods in godown, or even in the act of packing in godown. Ordinarily this causes no trouble, and is a great convenience to all concerned. Of course, the goods sometimes fail to the extent of a case or two, or they get damaged in shipment, but again only to a small extent. The stevedoring companies are generally ready to make good these trifling claims. Times come, however, when a big claim arises on short shipment or damaged cargo, claims that could not have arisen if the goods actually were on board in good condition when the bill of lading was issued. Then there is trouble, and the convenient but irregular practice stops for a time.

DIFFICULTIES IN JAPAN.

In the present case, so far as Kobe cargo is concerned, it is almost entirely on trans-Pacific cargo that the shippers want their documents early. For European cargo the post via Canada gets the documents to Europe in plenty of time. So far as Kobe is concerned, the inconvenience is almost eliminated by the fact that all ships call at Yokohama, and that the documents are sent on by train and catch the ship up. Yokohama ship and catch the ship up. Yokohama ship and catch the ship up. Yokohama ship and catch the ship up.

The *Kobe Shinbun* states that the warehousing companies are indignant and regard the new orders as reflecting on their honour. The indignation is really unnecessary, but it is undesirable that some means be found for continuing a practice which has been justified by its practical convenience, however irregular it is. In a matter like this, mutual trust is the invaluable lubricant of trade. If rules were strictly kept and no risks of bad faith taken, business would be very cumbersome and costly process. But one can always go too far, and there is a considerable risk of abuse of such a practice as that of obtaining bills of lading prematurely. The extent to which it is done and the rarity of serious complaints form really a high tribute to the business honour of the merchants, stevedores, and shipping companies concerned. If a means of continuing can be found, that is all to the good. The only alternative is the creation of a new form of insurance or credit, but this would be another impediment and another obstruction to trade—small, perhaps, but undesirable. The new order concerning the insistence on a mate's receipts before documents can be issued will probably cause a great deal of discontent.

SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC.

INCREASED TONNAGE SINCE JANUARY LAST.

The number of vessels which passed through the Suez Canal during the first three months of this year was 1,273, as compared with 1,177 in the first three months of 1923 and 1,058 in the corresponding period of 1922. The receipts amounted to 45,400,000 L., as compared with 44,500,000 L. in the first three months of 1923 and 40,150,000 L. in the corresponding period of 1922.

According to the official bulletin of the Suez Canal Company, 234 vessels representing a net tonnage of 1,044,000 tons, passed through the canal for the first time last year. Having regard to the fact that the new tonnage had risen by 6,800,000 tons from 1919 to 1922, and that the further increase of more than 1,000,000 tons, registered as remarkable. If from this total war vessels, tugs, dredgers, etc., are eliminated, the number and tonnage of new vessels in 1923 remains at 205 and 1,009,000 tons respectively, which, as compared with the results of 1922, represent a decrease in new tonnage of 65 vessels and 304,000 tons. A fourth of the reduction in new tonnage in 1923 is attributable to tank vessels, only 22 of which passed through the canal, as against 29 in 1922. It is pointed out that the quantity of mineral oil transported via the Suez Canal, which increased by 700,000 tons in 1922 as compared with 1921, was larger last year by only 150,000 tons.

The new tonnage of mail ships increased last year by 16,000 tons. There was a decline in the new tonnage of English mail ships from 60,000 tons to 40,000 tons, of Japanese from 4,000 tons to 8,000 tons, and of Dutch from 15,000 tons to nil. (Continued on next column.)



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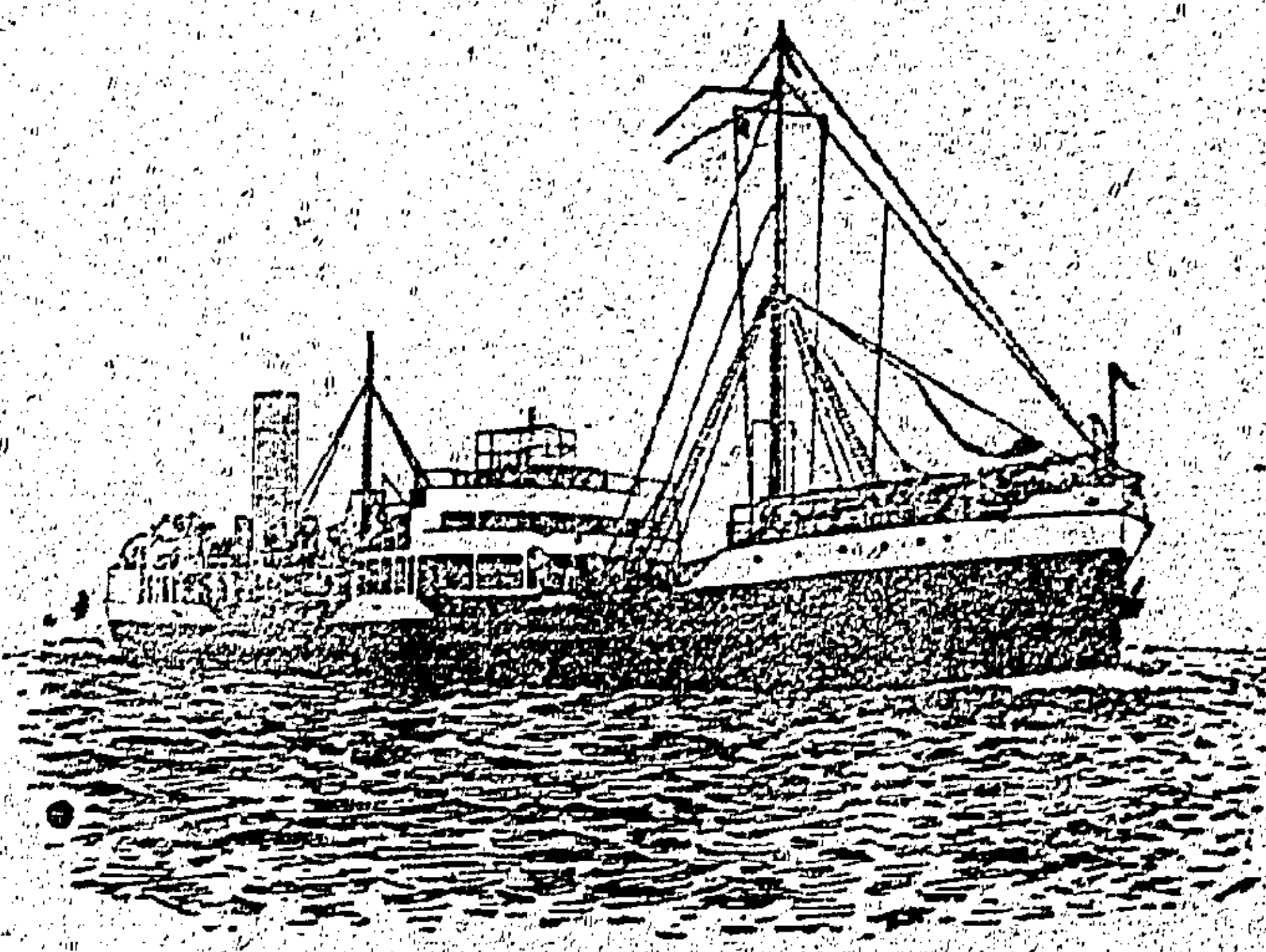
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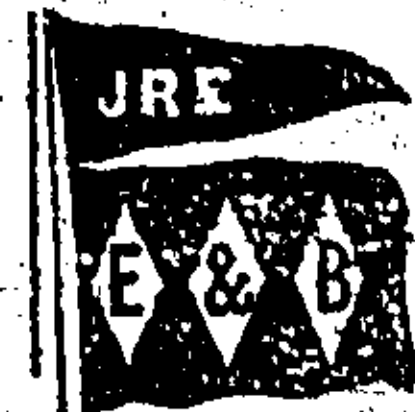
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"KALPA"	5,097	31st May, D.L.	Spore, Colombo & B'way.
"ALFPORE"	5,273	3rd June	Spore, Colombo & B'way.
"SICILIA"	5,813	11th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	5,810	14th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,331	30th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUHAN"	5,331	30th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALPA"	5,097	12th July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,911	28th July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DEVANHA"	5,097	9th Aug.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SICILIA"	5,813	22nd Aug.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	5,810	23rd Aug.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th Aug.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,331	4th Sept.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUHAN"	5,331	11th Sept.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALPA"	5,097	20th Sept.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,911	28th Sept.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DEVANHA"	5,097	6th Oct.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SICILIA"	5,813	18th Oct.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	5,810	1st Nov.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOREA"	10,911	15th Nov.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,331	23rd Nov.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUHAN"	5,331	13th Dec.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.

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"TAKADA"	5,948	28th May	Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
"TAKADA"	5,948	14th June	Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
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"EASTERN"	4,000	28th May, Noon	Manila, Sulu, & B'way.
"EASTERN"	4,000	22nd July	Manila, Sulu, & B'way.
"EASTERN"	4,000	30th July	Manila, Sulu, & B'way.

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"TAKADA"	5,948	15th Nov.	Amoy, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	5,948	22nd Nov.	Amoy, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	5,948	29th Nov.	Amoy, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	5,948	6th Dec.	Amoy, Moji & Kobe.
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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNYAN"	On 27th May	3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALPA"	On 27th May	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUICHEN"	On 27th May	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHIELI"	On 27th May	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 27th May	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 30th May	3 p.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHENAN"	On 1st June	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KALPA"	On 2nd June	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KALPA"	On 3rd June	3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALPA"	On 4th June	3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALPA"	On 4th June	3 p.m.
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